

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the Specification pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.121 as follows
(see the accompanying "marked up" version pursuant to § 1.121).

Please replace the paragraph at page 16, line 24, to page 17, line 3, with
the following paragraph:

In other words, with the slide drive mechanism shown in the preferred embodiment, the dynamic balance mechanism and die height adjustment mechanism may be omitted or replaced with other embodiments. For example, by making slider pin 21 and second pin 23 the same, first linear guide 19 and horizontal link 24 become unnecessary. This adaptation is undesirable since the die height adjusting mechanism must then be mounted on the slider side.

Please replace the paragraph at page 17, lines 12-17, with the following paragraph:

It is to be understood, that small end part 17 of connecting rod 12, has an approximately linear motion along a horizontal line from crank shaft 4. As a result, the horizontal guide mechanisms of the prior art may be omitted as unnecessary. It is to be further understood, that due to the 180 degree symmetry of the present invention, a left-right balance of press 1 is maintained during operation thereby limiting vibration, equipment wear and failure.